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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: BOB Hearing with OSA

1. [] started the hearing by setting the stage for a question and answer period rather than a full-blown briefing on OSA activities.

2. [] then summarized his questions as follows:

- a. The magnitude of resources and activities at Detachment G and H.
- b. Will the U2R be phased into Detachment H?
- c. What is at Edwards Air Force Base and why?
- d. Details of personnel and money associated with the total phase-down expected from the deletion of OXCART.

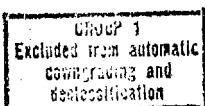
3. [] then described how the deployment picture has changed the OXCART phase-down. The majority of the OXCART people are now required to stay on since the 90-day extension is apparently a fact. The Kadena deployment, for all practical purposes, has fixed the OXCART FY 68 budget at approximately the actual (FY 1967) figure of some []. The most important factor is that since USAF personnel were not phased-out on schedule, most will have to stay on the Agency payroll through FY 68 because of processing and travel time to return these people to USAF stations.

4. [] was reluctant to discuss FY 69 OXCART requirements because there are no established guidelines. OSA does, however, require three months to close down []; therefore, there will be a need for FY 69 money at least for the 1st quarter of that fiscal year. Further extension of OXCART in FY 68 will not change the [] budget requirement but will introduce a need for additional FY 69 money, the magnitude of which will depend on how long OXCART stays in business in FY 68.

5. [] explained a key point which apparently had escaped [] - that the contractors at [] are paid by NRO, not the Agency.

6. He further explained that the [] in FY 67 is the total requirement for OSA of which some [] is OXCART related. The elimination of OXCART does not automatically delete one-half of the OSA resource requirement, however.

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7. The [REDACTED] in FY 69 was described to [REDACTED] at his request, as being for IDEALIST, Air Force Support, OSP Support, Internal R&D, and [REDACTED] Security System Management.

8. [REDACTED] asked what happens if we go back to the pre-OXCART days. [REDACTED] then went on to describe how much more complicated the U2R and its management will be than the old U2C. Some OXCART/IDEALIST joint facilities will now revert to IDEALIST, for example, the link trainer at [REDACTED] and the personnel associated with it. Commo Support for all projects will still be required. As OXCART goes down, [REDACTED] goes up. The mixture of U2R and U2C aircraft in IDEALIST will require more support than either type aircraft alone.

9. Again in answer to a question from [REDACTED] about the TACKLE stand-down, [REDACTED] described this as a typical delay of activity after each loss. We expect to resume operation in early December after EWS modifications have been made.

10. [REDACTED] was still uneasy at this point over the pre/post OXCART status of OSA. [REDACTED] noted that personnel in the past have gone to Detachment H on TDY, but now many are going for PCS because of [REDACTED] demands for longer tours and the inability of the Agency to supply single personnel for TDY. [REDACTED] at this point, broke in to emphasize that OSA is underbudgeted for FY 69 even assuming full deletion of OXCART at some time in FY 68. We can solve this in one of two ways: (1) A better budget estimate for FY 69 or, (2) stand pat on the current FY 69 budget and go to the reserve for a release for forecast additions. The first alternative was clearly the most desirable.

11. In further discussion of alternatives, [REDACTED] emphasized again that the FY 68 budget requirement of [REDACTED] is firm no matter whether OXCART is extended again or not. The [REDACTED] reserve release" identified in the Agency budget is based upon the difference between the "Fischer agreement" and the fact of the deployment in May. The recent extension of OXCART for 90 days has no effect on these budgetary limits. There was not enough money in the Congressional budget to deploy OXCART to Kadena at any time in FY 68, therefore, the [REDACTED] which is now the FY 68 budget, would not have paid for the deployment to Kadena or anywhere else.

12. After some discussion on the effect of OXCART on OSA, [REDACTED] emphasized that the joint usage of people in OSA will not cease when OXCART goes. The requirement for auditors, contract people, and communications people, for example, will remain.

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13. [REDACTED] assumed that the need for [REDACTED] additional for FY 68 to reach the [REDACTED] level is related to the present deployment status but will not be changed by any further decision to extend the deployment. [REDACTED] agreed that this is correct.

14. [REDACTED] injected a key point in the discussion hearing in which he said that the difference between the FY 69 level and the FY 67 level is [REDACTED] approximately, but the [REDACTED] decrease" of FY 69 over FY 68 is only valid if the FY 68 budget is increased to the realistic level of [REDACTED]

15. At this point [REDACTED] replied to [REDACTED] question about when OSA would reach [REDACTED] positions - that this would never happen. He said that it is clearly not possible in the foreseeable future. He then went on to describe the real requirement in OSA as being [REDACTED] in FY 69. These requirements included [REDACTED] people at Headquarters and the remainder in Detachments G and H based largely upon the additional support required for PCS moves to Detachment H. (N.B. This question was further defined and discussed with [REDACTED] on 17 October.)

16. The last item discussed was a further emphasis that the [REDACTED] required for FY 68 is firm no matter what future decisions are made in regard to the extension or lack thereof in OXCART. Any further decisions in OXCART will really effect FY 69 needs.

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